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Beta Club 1st In State

The Beta Club of Appomattox High High School is first place winner in state competition for talent at the annual Beta Club Convention held Friday and Saturday in Roanoke. "Sounds of the Times" was the name of the patriotic musical feature presented by these members plus Susan Oliver, Tommy Terry and Sandra Pitsenberger. Beta Club '68 was also a 1st place winner with Beta Club '67 winning a 2nd in state competition. Thirty members went this year with Mrs. Harry DePew (center), club sponsor and Mrs. Gerald Wilbun (not shown) as chaperones. The winning group will sing and play during the Sunday School hour March 22 at Memorial United Methodist Church. Betsy Jones served as song leader for one of the convention sessions and Donna Hubtard, a candidate for state office last year, served as convention marshall. From left: Debbie Caldwell, Gary Clapp, Karen Smith, Paul Harvey, Nancye Mathews, Mrs. DePew, Steve Marshall, Martha Moon, Linda Jo Moses and Betsy Jones.

Letter To Editor

Mr. Lloyd Vaughan, Editor
The Times-Virginian,
Appomattox, Va.

Dear Sir:

In view of the recent statements of Vice president Agnew concerning bias and one-sided reporting of news by television and radio, I would like to make a point in behalf of his statement.

There is, in this country, one voice which has been standing for freedom, patriotism and the Bible for a number of years. Because this stand is not popular with the liberal press and news media, perhaps most of the people who read this will never have even heard this man's name called. Yet he is on over 600 small (for the most part) radio stations in this country five days a week, is president of a christian college, pastor of a Presbyterian church for some 30 years (the same church, by the way), and is the president of the International Council of Christian Churches. This man is Dr. Carl McIntire. You haven't heard that name before, have you? And yet, for the past three months, he has been having meetings all over the United States in behalf of his March for Victory in Vietnam, which will be held in Washington on April 4, and each day his radio mike has been open receiving calls from all over the states boosting the march. Of course you haven't heard of the march. The news media has turned a deaf ear to everything this man does. McIntire, with this great march for victory which will be held April 4, will give the answer to the Communists, hippies and yippies, who had the infamous march Nov. 15, 1969. This march will give Nixon's silent majority a chance to stand up and be counted. The men, women and children in this march will be clean, well-dressed, respectable, short-haired (as opposed to the hippies), and carrying U. S. Flags, christian flags, singing hymns, and carrying placards which show their reverence for God and love of their country. At first, McIntire couldn't get permission for a march on Pennsylvania Avenue and received it only after going to one of the most influential congressmen in Washington, the Hon. Mendel Rivers, chairman of the Armed Services Committee, and one of the sponsors of the march. Now, McIntire has permission to use the same Pennsylvania Avenue which the hippies used to desecrate the Vietnam dead, but he will use it to honor our boys in Vietnam and show our love of God and country and also to fight for putting prayer and Bible reading back in schools. The Hippies, in the Moratorium March on Nov. 15, 1969, flew the Viet Cong flags down Pennsylvania Avenue, and flew the U. S. Flag upside down. What a disgrace to our country that such a thing should have been permitted. And look what coverage the preparations and event itself got from the news media . . . and you haven't heard a thing of this March for Victory in Viet Nam . . . All of a sudden the press and news media, which disclaim bias, seem to have gone deaf and blind. If you are interested in seeing a United States victory in Vietnam and bring our soldiers back home in honor, write Dr. Carl McIntire, Twentieth Century Reformation Hour, Collingswood, N. J. and give him your support. Make plans to be at the Washington Monument not later than 10:30 a.m. on the morning of Saturday, April 4, and join in a march for victory, something which we have never had before. Let the communist world see how you feel about victory in Viet Nam.

William C. Hubbard,
Appomattox, Va.

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The Pastor Speaks

What happens when a person receives Jesus Christ as his personal savior? Paul says in Romans 5:1, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." In Romans 5:5 Paul says, "Hope maketh not ashamed." In Romans 5:11 Paul says, "We also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ." In these three verses Paul mentions peace, hope, and joy.

Peace is a subtle feeling for which most of the world is hoping vainly. Peace is the absence of a guilty conscience. Peace is a knowledge that your relationship to God stands fixed, firm, and secure. Peace is the ability to sleep at night without fearing what will happen while you sleep. This peace comes not by what you do, but by the one in whom you trust, namely the Lord Jesus Christ.

Hope comes to the Christian as the result of trials in his life. The tribulation, the hardship, the difficulty, and the testing which we endure for the sake of Jesus Christ strengthens us. It gives us a confidence that God will meet our needs. It gives us an ability to turn to him in all times of our life. It gives us a patience to wait upon him. All of these give us hope, a confident looking to God for all of our needs.

Finally we receive joy. Joy is not merely an ecstatic emotional experience. It is a peaceful resting in God. It is the ability to find one's contentment in God alone, who loved us and sent his son to die for us, and who today gives us richly everything which we need for full life.

Peace, hope, and joy are the permanent possessions of those who know within their hears that they are God's people. Are these your possessions too?

Dr. Thomas D. Lea, Pastor
Liberty Baptist Church
Appomattox, Va. 24522

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Lesson for March 22, 1970

Background Scripture: Isaiah 53; Matthew 27; Hebrews 2
Devotional Reading: Matthew 21: 1-11

A teenage boy had participated with a number of friends in the "borrowing" of a man's car (without his permission) Because the car was returned undamaged before the loss was discovered, the police were not notified, but the boy's father found out when he accidentally heard his son and a friend discussing their "wild ride."

Confronting his son with what he had heard, he insisted on taking away his son's driving privileges with the family car for three months. This was to be his penalty.

No One Knows

"But why, Dad?" his son wanted to know. "There was not any harm done, we got the car back in time, and no one else knows about it but you. I'm sorry it happened and I want to forget that ever happened. You can't you forget it too? It doesn't cost you anything to forgive me. Why must it cost me something?"

What do you think? Is it true that there was no harm done? Is he correct in thinking that it doesn't cost us to forgive?

If you were asked to explain how God goes about forgiving us, which of these two answers would you choose?

Answer No. 1 — When a man sins against God, he incurs a debt with God and, since he cannot pay it, God is ready to condemn him. But Jesus, by dying on the cross, offers himself in payment of the debt and persuades the angry God to forgive the sinner.

Answer No. 2 — When a man sins against God it is possible for God to overlook his sin as though it never happened. When we say we're sorry, this is what God does because of his great love for us.

The answers suggested above are both extremes. In the first one, God seems harsh and legalistic. What he wants is justice and it matters little whether it is Christ or man who does the paying.

God, The Sin-Bearer

In the second answer we see the opposite: God doesn't take sin seriously at all. He simply overlooks it as if it never happened at all. No one pays anything because there is really nothing to pay.

Neither of these answers are adequate. Both miss some important facts that are evident in the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah: (1) Sin does cost and cannot be overlooked. (2) God is not reluctant to forgive man, nor does he need to be persuaded by Christ. (3) The justice of God demands that someone pay the terrible price of sin; the love of God offers to pay that price for him.

In other words, it is God himself who offers to take upon himself the burden of sin. When Jesus died on the cross, it was God himself who was assuming man's guilt and punishment.

The teenage boy, you see, was wrong. There was harm done and it did cost his father something to forgive him. So it is too with God. One of the characters in W. H. Auden's Christmas oratorio, "For the Time Being," exclaims: "I like committing crimes. God likes forgiving them. Really, the world is admirably arranged." But he is wrong: God doesn't "like" forgiving us, for it is painful to him. He does so only at a terrible cost.

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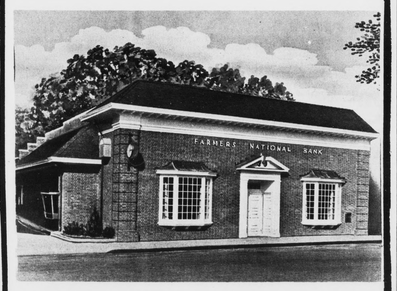

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cal Basketball League

House won the title in the basketball league last by beating the Independ- 103-77. They beat the Jay- - 54 to get into the ship game and the In- ts had beat the Raiders get into the big game. Booker led Red House championship game with points, 26 in the first as they got off to a 27-16 arter lead and upped it at the half and never Red House outscored ndependents in every quart-

game had 44 fouls called Red House hitting 27 of 39 shots to 11 of 19 for the ndents and hit on 37 field s 33 for the Independents. e's 44 points was game as he was followed by Win- addox with 21 points. Whitehead with 17 and my Howard with 10 points. Independents had balance- ng but it did not total points. Gene Price led attack for them with 18, 11 his last quarter. He was fol- ed by Tommy Bass and Mike y with 16 each and Mike orge with 11 points. Dickie th and Ronnie Hughes had ch.

ed House was hot from the r at night long as they hit everywhere. Whitehead seven of 11 shots from the for Red House while Mad- 7 of his 21 points in the ond half.

e 67-54 win over the Jay- addox led Red House 25 points as they got off to lead and never trailed. ead 19 points and White- 18 to spark the attack. Ferguson had 12 for them, 10 coming in the last quarter. Wilfred Rogers tied Maddox for game honors with 25 for the Jaycees and Wayne Phelps had 14 and Brod Pack had 11 points.

The Independents put five men in double figures in their romp over the Raiders by a 93-63 score. Tommy Bass had 29 points to lead the Independents and Gene Price and Dickie Smith were close behind with 23 and 20 points, respectively. Mike George and Mike Seay were also in double figures with 11 and 10 points, respectively.

The Raiders had balanced scoring also, but the attack came up way short as their shooting was off. Leon Edmonds led the Raiders with 15 points and Tom Maxwell had 13 points. Son Stanley had 10 points while Buddy Wilcox and Ron Jeffery had nine each.

The Raiders ran into foul trouble early as they had 23 fouls called against them and the Independents converted on 23 of 32 free throws to go with their 39 field goals. The Raiders made 26 field goals and made 11 of 14 free throws. It was 18-12 after a quarter of play favor the Independents and 39-24 at the half as they outscored the Raiders in every quarter.

Red House had finished the regular season in first place, Independents were in second and the Raiders and Jaycees tied for third,

Box for Championship Game

Red House		F	T
Booker	18	8-9	44
Mayberry	2	4-5	8
Goin	0	1-3	1
Maddox	7	7-10	21
Howard	3	4-8	10
Whitehead	7	3-4	17
Totals	37	27-39	101
Independents	G	F	T
Bass	7	2-2	16
Seay	7	2-8	16
Price	8	2-2	18
George	5	1-1	11
Smith	4	0-1	8
Hughes	2	4-5	8
Totals	33	11-19	77

Red House	27	25	25 24 - 101
Indep.	16	21	16 24 - 77

Men's Bowling League

Sunoco	57	18
Country Club	51	24
Best Furniture	48	27
W & W	45	30
Moses Motor Co	37	38
Post Office	26	49
Garment Co	25	50
Guilf's Cafe	10	63

High Game, James Doss, 136
High Set, James Gowin, 342

Ladies Bowling League

Flintstones	56	16
Rollingstones	42	27
Alleycats	27	42
Garment Co	16	56

High Game, Pat Seay, 123
High Set, Pat Seay, 324

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Appomattox Baseball Coach Expects Best Season Ever

Appomattox coach Stanley Thomas is hopeful that he will have his best team ever this season since taking over the coaching reigns here three years ago.

Thomas has eight lettermen returning from last year as well as four top notch newcomers.

Steve Almond, a pitcher and outfielder, is the leading returning hitter and is also regarded as a hard - throwing pitcher. Almond is a sophomore this year and regarded by his coach as a possible all-district contender.

Another sophomore, Dennis Wilkerson, will join Almond on the mound although senior John Garrett is expected to give him a run for the job.

Rounding out the starting infield are Paul Harvey, first base; Sam Page, catcher; Picky Williams, third base; Jim Chandler, short stop; and Ricky Garrett, second base.

Patrolling the outfield are Steve Wilson, left field; Charles Phillips, center field; and Houston Saunders, right field.

Appomattox posted a 7-9 record last season and Thomas is sure that his team will top that mark this year.

Harvey and Chandler were .300 hitters last year while Wilson and William expect to hit around that mark this season. Along with Almond, they give Thomas one of the best hitting teams in the league.

Thomas points out that the team is a young one with only four seniors and three juniors. He notes that all of his freshmen and sophomores look good and should help the team a good deal in the future.

If the younger boys produce like they are able to, Thomas feels that the team can compete with anyone in the league.

Thomas expects Tunstall and Gretna to be rough. He says, "If we don't finish high in the standings, the boys and I will be very disappointed."

Baseball 1970 Season

March 30, Holy Cross ..... Away
March 31, Staunton River ..... Away
March 31, Nelson ..... Away
April 1, Dan River ..... Home
April 10, Gretna ..... Away
April 14, Altavista ..... Home
April 17, Nelson ..... Away
April 21, Brantburg ..... Away
April 24, Staunton River ..... Home
April 28, William Campbell ..... Away
May 1, Altavista ..... Away
May 5, William Campbell ..... Home
May 7, Holy Cross ..... Home
May 8, Altavista ..... Away
May 12, Brantburg ..... Home

Tournament Play Season

March 26, William Campbell ..... Away
April 1, Altavista ..... Away
April 6, Chatham ..... Away
April 8, Staunton River ..... Away
April 13, Gretna ..... Away
April 20, Brantburg ..... Away
April 24, Nelson ..... Away
April 26, Nelson ..... Away
May 1, District Meeting ..... T. C.
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Dixie Youth League Registration Is March 21

All boys who plan to participate in Dixie Youth baseball or the Pony League for the upcoming season must register on March 21 at the W.O.W. Bldg., Appomattox, Pamplin or Oakville. All boys must bring birth certificates. In the event that a boy does not have a certificate his parents can contact Robert Carter, attorney, to secure one.

Registration time, Appomattox is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Pamplin Ball Park and Oakville School 1-3 p.m. Anyone who fails to register is ineligible to play. For answers to any questions or futher information, please contact Roy Massie, Appomattox; Ralph Harris and E. B. Drinkard, Oakville or Albert Harvey, Pamplin.

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